VERNON PARISH

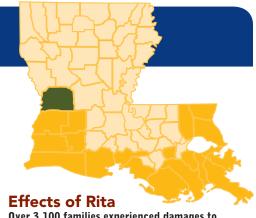
Results in Vernon Parish reflect greater concern with economic development, roads and evacuation planning than with storm protection. This is consistent with the fact that Vernon is dealing with a major influx of evacuees from coastal parishes and has experienced both direct and indirect economic impacts. Vernon residents seem to support taking a regional view in recovery planning for the benefit of everyone.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

60% Safer than before

26% Same level of safety as before

14% Move back now



Over 3,100 families experienced damages to their homes due to Hurricane Rita. An increase of 569 households occurred in the aftermath of the disasters

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Attract new businesses to the area
- #2 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #3 Make highway and street improvements
- #4 Devise a workable evacuation plan

WE TREASURE...

...our heritage and history. The natural resources, especially fishing and wildlife, are a community treasure. We want to preserve Fort Polk and the timber industry.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- **91%** Flood protection should not be prioritized over other needs
- **90%** Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **86%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **80%** We should rebuild in low-risk areas first
- **78%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild

SPLIT DECISIONS



43% We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites

